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Beger, et al.

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**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)**

Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated December 16, 2005 in the above-identified U.S. patent application. A check in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the extension fee is enclosed.

A Response to the outstanding Office Action is being filed simultaneously herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0625.

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